

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
26 MARCH 2013**

**PRESENT:** Commission members Chair Paddy McHale, Charlie Berube, Ron Gehl, Bob Craycraft (alternate member), Recording Secretary Amy Smith.

Chair McHale called the meeting to order at 7:13 pm.

Commission members reviewed the minutes of 26 February 2013. Mr. Berube made a motion to approve the minutes of 26 February 2013 as printed. Mr. Craycraft seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Commission members decided to hold off on the approval of the 29 January 2013 minutes as there were not enough members present to approve them.

**Shoreland Permit Applications:**

**Charles M. Healey, 36 South Shore Road Map 120 Lot 15:** for maintenance work to be performed on his peninsula.

Commission members reviewed the application and a letter from the State stating the application is incomplete. Mr. Gehl stated he doesn't believe Mr. Healey needs a Shoreland Permit but needs a Wetlands Permit. Mr. Gehl referred to Shoreland Permit Rules section 1406.02 "Statutory Exemptions" and read this section for the other Commission members. Commission members agreed to leave the application as is since it is already in process with the State. Chair McHale stated he would like to 'get the word out' to residents that the Conservation Commission is here to help them with their applications if they need help.

Commission members reviewed the mail.

**BARRY CONSERVATION CAMP**

Commission members reviewed the information from the Barry Conservation Camp. Commission members also reviewed their 2013 budget. Commission members agreed the program looked like a good program and thought it worthwhile for an interested child to attend. Commission members suggested partial funding to sponsor a child. Chair McHale stated he would check with local businesses to see if they would be interested in co-sponsoring and he would also check with the Recreation Director. Ms. Smith suggested speaking with the Welfare Director to find a low income family who could benefit from the sponsorship. Chair McHale asked Ms. Smith to check with the bookkeeper to see if money could be moved from one line in the budget to another.

**KAREN KULLEN PROPERTY**

Commission members reviewed information regarding Karen Kullen's property. Ms. Kullen inherited a piece of property on Garmish Drive (Map 210 Lot 147) that she does not want. Ms. Kullen submitted information to the Town Administrator asking if she could donate the property to the Town. The Warrant Article authorizing the Selectmen to acquire property failed at Town Meeting, so the Town Administrator asked Ms. Smith to bring the information before the Conservation Commission to see if the parcel was something they would be interested in. Commission members agreed that the land was not environmentally significant enough to be of interest to the Commission. Chair McHale asked Ms. Smith to notify the Town Administrator of the Commission's opinion.

**OLD BUSINESS/OTHER BUSINESS**

Chair McHale stated at the last meeting Kari Lygren of Moose Mountain Regional Greenways gave a presentation to the Commission and informed them that one of the things they are working on is a seminar for land owners discussing the benefits of putting their land in conservation easements. At that meeting Ms. Lygren asked if the Commission could help with mailing costs. Mr. Gehl asked how much money she was looking for. Chair McHale stated she didn't specify an amount. Mr. Berube questioned if the mailing was going to all residents or just owners of large pieces of property. Chair McHale didn't think it was a mass mailing. Mr. Berube stated he thought there may be a list of large property owners. Chair McHale suggested e-mailing Ms. Allyn & Mr. Malay to see if they know where the list may be. Chair McHale made a motion to assist Moose Mountain Regional Greenways with their mailing costs for the conservation easement seminar not to exceed \$50.00. Mr. Berube seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Ms. Smith informed Board members that she had received an e-mail from Ms. Allyn suggesting she contact Lorraine Drake to see if she is interested in serving on the Commission. Commission members agreed this was a good idea and asked Ms. Smith to contact Ms. Drake.

Chair McHale noted the next meeting is April 30, 2013.

At 8:09 pm Mr. Craycraft made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Gehl seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Smith  
Recording Secretary